

MINUTES

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 1, 2004 – 7:00 P. M.

(A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young
Kathy Rawls
Scott Singer
LaWana McKenzie
Chuck Smith
Eddie Butler
Charles Barton
Rick Osbon
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator
Robert M. Bell, County Attorney
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

(B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Osbon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 18, 2004 Worksession
2. May 18, 2004 Regular Meeting
3. May 25, 2004 Special Meeting

- a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Smith seconded.
- b. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Singer seconded.
- b. The agenda was approved as presented.

(F) PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Establish Operating, Capital and Debt Service Budgets for Aiken County, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 Through June 30, 2005; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for County Operations, Capital and Debt Service; to Provide for All Other Estimated Revenues and for the Appropriation Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.
 - a. Dr. Susan Graham, President of Aiken Technical College, thanked Council for their continued support of the College. Dr. Graham stated that they were projecting a 5% enrollment increase at the beginning of the school year.
 - b. Councilman Butler, Councilwoman McKenzie and Councilman Hightower each raised the issue of County Council not yet having the ability to appoint a voting member to the Board of Directors for the College. The State Law would need to be changed in order to give Council that privilege.
 - c. Chairman Young stated that a Legislative Delegation member had contacted him in reference to an appointment slot he has open for the Board of Directors. A citizen had been recommended and the Delegation member was intending to contact that citizen about serving.
2. Proposed Ordinance to Declare Certain Property, Known as the Willie Whaley Park and Located in the Town of Burnetown, as Surplus and to Authorize Its Transfer to the Town of Burnetown.
 - a. No comments were made.

(G) OLD BUSINESS

1. Proposed Ordinance to Directing that the Implementation of Real Property Reassessment in Aiken County be Delayed for One (1) Year, as Authorized by Statute; and Other Matters Related Thereto.
(County Council) (Third Reading)
 - a. Councilman Osbon made a motion for the approval. Councilman Hightower seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(H) CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

I. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proposed Resolution to Appoint One Member to Designated Boards, Commissions and Committees with Terms of the Appointees to Run Concurrent with that of the Councilmember from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.
(Rawls, Singer, McKenzie, Smith, Butler, Barton, Osbon)
2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Allocation of Funds for Various Non Profit Agencies from the FY 2004 Council Contingency Fund.
(County Council)
3. Proposed Resolution to Accept Easements on Cummings Road (C-519), Keys Pond Road (C-540), Cumbee Trail Road (C-549), and Old Chalk Bed Road (C-632) Needed for Capital Projects Sales Tax Paving Project.
(Development Committee)

4. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc, of Columbia, SC, as the Design Engineer for the Next 1.47 Miles (Vintage Vale Road) of the Sales Tax Program.
(Development Committee)
5. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute Agreements with the South Carolina Department of Transportation to Exchange Certain County Roads for State Roads for Maintenance.
(Development Committee)
6. Proposed Resolution to Accept a Deed and Certificate of Title for Talatha Gradens Drive, Yarrow Way, Watsonia Drive, and a Detention Pond in Talatha Gardens Subdivision, Section One Located in Council District 7.
(Osbon)
7. Proposed Resolution to Assign the Official Road Names to Existing Un-Named Private Roads in County Council District 1, 2, and 5.
(Rawls, Singer, Butler)
8. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with Mabus Brothers Construction Company, Inc. for the Old Chalk Bed Road Paving Project.
(Development Committee)
9. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Waiver of Fees for the Aiken Center Men's Advisory Board for the Use of the Aiken County Recreation Center for Their Real Men/Real Fathers Program.
(Development Committee)
10. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Council Chairman to Execute an Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for Renovation of the Space at the County Office Complex for DHEC.
(Development Committee)
11. Proposed Resolution to Waive Certain Sign Limits for a Free Standing Sign for the Pantry Location at 349 Edgefield Drive, Belvedere.
(Development Committee)
12. Proposed Resolution to Waive Certain Sign Limits for a Free Standing Sign for the Pantry Location at 1176 Augusta Road, Bath, SC.
(Development Committee)
13. Proposed Resolution to Express Support for Acceleration of the Cleanup of the Savannah River Site.
(County Council)
14. Proposed Ordinance to Establish Operating, Capital and Debt Service Budgets for Aiken County, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 Through June 30, 2005; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for County Operations, Capital and Debt Service; to Provide for All Other Estimated Revenues and for the Appropriation Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.
(County Council) (Second Reading)
15. Proposed Ordinance to Declare Certain Property, Known as the Willie Whaley Park and Located in the Town of Burnetown, as Surplus and to Authorize Its Transfer to the Town of Burnetown.

(Development Committee) (Second Reading)

II. CONSENT AGENDA/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

16. Proposed Ordinance to Levy and Impose a One Percent Sales and Use Tax, Subject to a Referendum, Within Aiken County Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 4-10-300, et seq.; to Define the Specific Purpose or Purposes and Designate the Projects for Which the Proceeds of Such Tax May be Used; to Provide the Maximum Cost of the Projects or Facilities Funded from the Proceeds of Such Tax and the Maximum Amount of Net Proceeds to be Raised by Such Tax; to Provide for a County-Wide Referendum and to Prescribe the Contents of the Ballot Question in Such Referendum; to Provide Conditions Precedent to the Imposition of Such Tax and Condition or Restrictions on the Use of Such Tax Revenue; to Establish a Formula by Which Multiple Projects are Funded Simultaneously; to Provide for the Conduct of Such Referendum by the Registration and Election Commission of Aiken County, to Provide for the Administration of Such Tax, if Approved; to Provide for the Payment of Such Tax; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.
(County Council)
17. Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Aiken County Code of Ordinances by Adding Section 24-184 Tattoo Parlors Establishing Regulations Concerning Their Location in Aiken County, South Carolina.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilwoman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Smith seconded.
 - b. Councilman Hightower asked to be recorded as abstaining by voting present on Consent Items 14 and 16. Councilman Hightower also asked that he be recorded as voting in opposition to Consent Item 17.
 - c. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote with the exception of Consent Item 17 which passed by majority vote with Councilman Hightower voting in opposition.

(I) NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the County Administrator to Accept a Grant from the State of South Carolina, Office of Justice Programs for a Domestic Violence Investigation Initiative.
(County Council)
 - a. Councilman Hightower made a motion for the approval. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
 - b. Passed by unanimous vote.

(J) ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND THE PUBLIC RECORD

1. Fiscal Year 2004 Aiken County Contingency Report as of May 19, 2004.

(K) INFORMAL MEETING OF WHOLE

- a. Ms. Pamela Hall, of Graniteville, approached Council about the improvements and upgrades that are needed at the County Recreation Center in Graniteville. She expressed the community's concerns about safety issues and what the County's plans were for improvements.

- b. Some Council members responded that funding had been allocated in the proposed Capital Projects Sales Tax referendum for improvements at all of the Aiken County Parks.
- c. Mr. Johnson, of Graniteville, spoke about the programs currently in place at the Recreation Center to assist children with self esteem, better grades, and other issues facing youth today.
- d. Councilwoman Rawls made a motion to recess for Executive Session. Councilwoman McKenzie seconded.
- e. The motion to recess passed by unanimous vote.

RECESSED – 7:45 P. M.

(L) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Legal Matters:
 - a. Status Report on Pending Litigation, Legal Claims and Legal Advice.
(County Attorney) (Verbal)
- 2. Contractual Matters:
- 3. Personnel Matters:

RECONVENED – 9:44 P. M.

- a. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.
- b. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(M) ADJOURNMENT – 9:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNED:

Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

Ronnie Young, Chairman